

Cleves School

Newsletter - 04/11/22



THIS WEEK

I hope you all had a good half term and have returned rested for what is normally the busiest and most exciting half term of the school year. Despite it being a shorter week for the pupils there has been so much going on with trips out and special days. More of this in the year group news below.

We are also really excited for the return of our much anticipated fireworks night on Sunday. A huge thank you to the many parents who are volunteering their time on Sunday. We look forward to seeing you all there and fingers crossed for dry weather!

Have a good weekend.

It's been another busy week in **Year 3** and we have started our new literacy unit based on Shakespeare's play of 'The Tempest' (which seems especially fitting given the current weather conditions this week!) We immersed ourselves in the story by watching the CBeebies production (which is also on iplayer) and a range of drama activities to help us understand the plot. We also looked at the different characters and have started to identify the main features of a diary in preparation for writing a diary entry from the perspective of Caliban next week. In Maths, we have been focusing on money and learning about the different coins, converting pounds and pence and adding and subtracting amounts of money. In science, we have been learning about how the muscles work with our skeleton to help us move. In our topic lesson this week, we have been researching different physical landmarks in the UK, including Loch Ness, The Giant's Causeway and Ben Nevis, and have been creating our own Pokemon Go cards. Our new RE topic is 'What does it mean to be a Hindu?' and we have started our lessons by learning about the festivals of Diwali and Holi and how they are similar and different. We hope everyone who celebrated Diwali over half term had a wonderful time! **Year 4** has had a wonderful first week back! We have started our new topic in Maths, looking at measurement and understanding the length of kilometres! We have finished our

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 6/11 - Border League Cross Country
- 6/11 - Fireworks Night
- 7/11 - Yr 6 Football vs Manorcroft
- 9/11 - Yr 5/6 Football Tournament
- 10/11 - 3M/3P Natural History Museum Trip
- 10/11 - Yr 6 Football Tournament
- 11/11 - Remembrance Service Pupils - 10.30
- 14/11 - Odd socks day. Anti Bullying week
- 14/11 - Flu Vaccines
- 14/11 - Yr 5/6 Girls' Football vs Barrow Hedge
- 15/11 - Flu Vaccines
- 15/11 - Prospective Parents Evening - 6pm
- 16/11 - Yr 5/6 Hockey Festival
- 16/11 - Yr 6 Football & Netball vs St Anne's
- 17/11 - Yr 5/6 Rugby Festival
- 17/11 - Yr 6 Height and Weight checks
- 17/11 - 3H/3D Natural History Museum Trip
- 18/11 - 3HB/3J Natural History Museum Trip
- 18/11 - 6B Class Assembly (1.30 and 2.45pm)
- 25/11 - Parent Forum - 9am - 10am

fantastic narratives based on the story Paradise Carpet by Jamila Gavin. In Geography, we have been learning about the River Ganges and compared it to the River Thames. We have started to practise our badminton skills and learn the rules of the game in P.E. In Science, we have been comparing different animal teeth and understanding how every type of tooth has a different part to play during the process of digestion. Now we have all finished our beautiful designs of our bags, we are exploring how canvas bags are constructed to help us when we start to sew them. Well done for a great week Year 4 and have a wonderful weekend!

This week in **Year 5** we have started working on our Basketball skills with a focus on passing and working together as a team. We had great fun at the end of the lesson game! In Maths, we have continued on with our multiplication and division unit. We have studied cubed numbers, multiplying by 10 and 100 and applying multiplication knowledge and language to answer problem solving questions. In whole class guided reading we have been captivated by the very mysterious first chapters of a book called The Runner by Keith Gray. Friday saw a spectacular Tudor day - we really loved seeing everyone in their costumes! The children enjoyed participating in some Tudor sport, learning about the art of smelling nice in Tudor times, enjoying some soup tasting including some traditional Tudor pottage and finally learning about ship exploration that happened during this period. Ask us about the ships that we made today! A busy week and **Year 6** have been brilliant in coming back to school after half term and settling to work. In Maths, this has been a Review week in which classes have readdressed lessons and units that potentially required more learning to develop their understanding. In Literacy, pupils have completed their hot task on the biography of Marcus Rashford and are beginning to edit and uplevel their work independently which is the requirement in year 6. This week, classes have either been printing their tile design or using the green screen and iPads to film their pickpocket script. Finally, the year group finished their week with a fun interhouse games session.

SPORTS NEWS

Notre Dame Relays

Just before half term, a group of 24 year 5/6 pupils took part in the Notre Dame relay event. This was a fantastic afternoon of running which saw schools

compete in teams of 6 taking it in turns to complete the 600m course up in the woods at Notre Dame. I am pleased to report that our runners did extremely well, winning both the year 5/6 girls and boys competitions. A special shout out to our girls who managed to also beat all the other boys teams!



Year 6 Football vs Walton Oak

The Year 6 boys football team kicked off the start of their league with a home game on Thursday against Walton Oak school. The match started off with some very high pressing and lots of possession from Cleves. The boys managed to snatch an early goal and soon found themselves five up at the half time whistle. The second half saw more of the same, with the Cleves boys dominating all areas of the pitch and showing some excellent build up play. With confidence flowing, the boys managed to find the back of the net a few more times to make it a full time result of 10-0. A great start to the league for the Cleves and thanks to the solid defence, a clean sheet to start them off! Well done to all those involved in the fixture!

Year 6 Sportshall Athletics Club

We are excited to announce that Sportshall Athletics club will start for pupils in Year 6 on Thursday 17th November. This will take place on a Thursday morning from 7.50 to 8.30am in the sports hall. This is one of the most popular and well loved clubs we run in Year 6.

To sign up for this club, please click on the following link -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdNgFpOJOfdt-ODruQ-I7nFC9z8uzMALSkS3ydNIJEk2Nt8mQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Good luck!

Finally, good luck to the 80 runners who are taking part in the Border League Cross Country competition on Lightwater on Sunday. Run well!

INTERNET SAFETY GUIDE

Amigo is a social platform which purports to connect strangers from around the world – and, with built-in translation software, it reduces the expected language barriers. Focusing heavily on one-to-one chat, video calls and live streams, Amigo encourages its users to build up online relationships to unlock exclusive features such as private video and audio calls: essentially, the more that people chat, the more features become available to them. This is an app designed with mature users very much in mind and is therefore definitely not recommended for children.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as inappropriate contact, strangers and membership costs.

To read this week's guide, please click on the image below.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Dates for your diaries!

The year 3/4 nativities will take place on the following dates this year at the church at St Mary's

- Year 4 Nativity - 6th December at 6pm
- Year 3 Nativity - 8th December at 6pm

If your child is in the lower school choir, they only need to attend on the night of their year group.

The year 5/6 Christmas performances will take place on the following dates this year in the Performance Hall

- Year 5 - 14th December at 6pm
- Year 6 - 15th December at 6pm

If your child is in the upper school choir, they are required to attend on BOTH nights.

Tickets will be limited to two per child and further details will follow nearer the time.

PARENT FORUM

Our first Parent Forum meeting will be held on Friday 25th November between 9am-10am. Details of the agenda and location of the meeting will be published nearer the time. This year, we are introducing a few changes to the Parent Forum in order to gather and share more feedback from parents and carers. We would like to invite one representative from each class to attend the meetings which will be held every half term. In the first instance, this may be the class rep (or one of the class reps if you have more) who can gather feedback from each class on the agenda items. If a class rep is unable to attend the meeting, then we would welcome another parent/carer from the class. We will share details of the agenda in upcoming newsletters as well as feedback on the issues that have been discussed and any follow up actions. In previous meetings, we have had very valuable conversations around school meals, our return to school after Covid, mental wellbeing and our multicultural approach - all of which have resulted in positive improvements - and we look forward to continuing this important partnership.

MUSIC NEWS

CLEVES MUSICIANS ROCK AGAIN!

The Orchestra and the Ukulele Group both performed at a concert on Friday 14th October to help raise funds for Walton Leigh School. Organised by St. Mary Oatlands and Revd. Folli we were glad to take part in such a fantastic community event. Oatlands School Choir joined as well and then in the second half the children watched some rock and pop bands perform which was made up of secondary school children - a real inspiration to them. Both our Cleves groups performed brilliantly and did the school proud. It was the first time that both groups had performed at an event outside of school so Mr. Kilhams was over the moon with their performance. A special mention to Rose and Angela for performing solos on the piano as well, you both performed exquisitely well and added so much to the event. Congratulations to all children who took part and we hope you enjoy some of the photos that were taken at the event.





own hair through cancer treatment and other conditions. If you would like to donate to Sophia's fundraising page please click here <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sophiacutshair>

ODD SOCKS DAY



As part of our Anti Bullying Week, we at Cleves are taking part in Oddsock Day on Monday 14th November. This is an opportunity for all children to wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique and to celebrate who we are.

We look forward to seeing lots of odd socks on Monday and celebrating our uniqueness!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Heesung Shin(5K) passed the NCO(National Children's Orchestra) audition.

He has been offered a place to join the Violin in Project orchestra which takes place in London. Well done Heesung!

Well done to Sophia Y4 who has decided to donate her hair to the Little Princess Trust! The Little Princess Trust provide real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their